

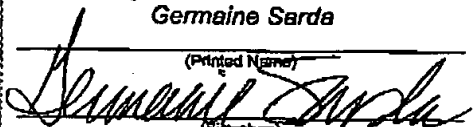
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Appl. No.: 10/011,855
Appl. Filing Date: 12/4/2001
Examiner: Bao Qun Li
Art Unit: 1648

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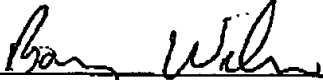
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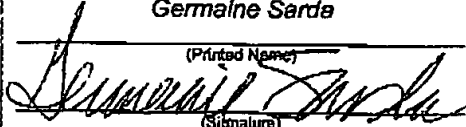

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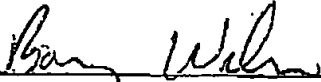
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